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Marijuana Dealer Found in Possession of Handgun

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On 1-4-12, Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD) narcotics detectives assisted the DEA with an investigation of a local doctor, Julio Diaz. During the execution of search and arrest warrant at Diaz's home on the 400 block of Cannon Green Drive, SBPD narcotic detectives discovered that the doctor's step-son, Jose Trinidad, 27 years of age, also lived at the home. Trinidad's room was searched and detectives found numerous mason jars which contained marijuana. The total amount of marijuana was approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ pound and valued at approximately \$4000. Detectives also located Hash (concentrated cannabis), a Smith and Wesson 38 revolver pistol with 77 rounds of ammunition, and over \$1000 cash. The handgun and ammunition were located in a dresser drawer next to Trinidad's bed. The investigation revealed that Trinidad had purchased the handgun from a friend and did not register it. He was also unemployed.

Trinidad was arrested and booked at Santa Barbara County Jail for Possession for Sales of Marijuana and for Possession of a Firearm while in the Commission of a Felony. His bail is set at \$150,000.

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